IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tadashi YAMAZAKI et al.

Title: TURBIDIMETRIC

IMMUNOASSAY FOR LIPOPROTEIN(a) AND REAGENT THEREFOR

Appl. No.: 10/551,340

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Examiner: Christine E. Foster

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Enclosed are:

[X] Amendment/Reply.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	,,,		viously d For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):								\$810.00	=	\$810.00
Total Claims:	8	-		20	=	0	x	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents		-		3	=	0	x	\$220.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	f an	у М	[ultiple]	Dep	endent Claims:	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00
						CLAIMS	FE	E TOTAL:	_	\$810.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

	ТО	TAL FEE:		\$810.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.		\$0.00	
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½		\$0.00	
	•	\$810.00		
		\$0.00		
	-	\$0.00		
	•	\$0.00		
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00	•	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00	-	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	0	\$0.00

The above-identified fees of \$810.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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